Self-Portraits of the Artist as She Ages

Artwork by Pamela Schweitzer

Myself, when I was young

Myself, pushing 50 and hating it

Myself, on my 49th birthday

Myself, as Hag

watercolor and oil stick, 20" x 26", 1991

watercolor and litho crayon, 20" x 24", 1991

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Dear Readers:

Under present circumstances one in four women and one in ten men over 50 can expect to develop osteoporosis. Osteoporosis causes pain and fracture deformities with associated economic and social distress. I know because I have lived with osteoporosis for thirty years.

My great ambition is to prevent osteoporotic fractures from occurring anywhere. My friends and I plan to walk across Canada to raise awareness and research dollars for prevention and treatment of osteoporosis.

We call this project the OSTEOPOROSIS—CANADA RELAY WALK because osteoporotic patents like myself will be doing the walking in rotation, as a team.

Getting older does not automatically mean becoming infirm; health can be maintained with correct diet and plenty of exercise. In this case good health is no more than eight miles per day away.

Take a step against osteoporosis: join us on our way. Volunteers and dollars are needed as well.

Sincerely yours,

Eleanor Mills

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